

A QUAKER THANKSGIVING.

The Cherry Street Baptist Church Leads—
"Jack the Giant Killer"—In the Social
Swim.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special—Another Thanksgiving has come and gone and there is not one mind who has not thrown back the curtain of remembrance and gazed upon scene the of the first Thanksgiving when our forefathers gave thanks to Almighty God, because of the manifold blessings showered down upon them in their most trying moments when all earthly help failed. Thanksgiving today, should likewise be the same Thanksgiving season when we all should turn thanks for the blessings of the past year. Even for our very existence there should be thanks to the Giver of things; for so many persons are daily being called from the shores of this continent to enter upon the realities of an unknown world, and for some reason we are left here to enjoy the blessings afforded by this life.

Thanksgiving services was appropriately celebrated in the Cherry Street Baptist church. The pastor, Dr. Wm. A. Credit, was ably assisted by Rev. Alex. Gordon, pastor of Monumental Baptist church. A comic operetta, entitled "Jack the Giant Killer," composed by Prof. F. A. Clark was rendered at St. Thomas P. E. church on Thursday evening by the Sunday school.

Mrs. Mae Belle Walker and May Rolling were among the visitors who enjoyed the foot ball game at Lincoln University on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Wm. H. Smith of Brooklyn was in the city last week, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Warrick.

All public schools were closed on last Monday on account of the death of Hon. Samuel B. Huey, President of Board of Education.

One of the many weddings of the season was that of Miss Fannie Simpson and Mr. Alphonso Lee, both of this city on Wednesday evening at the residence of the brides parents. Ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Credit of Cherry Street church of which both were members.

A charming dance was given on last Wednesday by Miss Julia Campbell in honor of Misses Carrie Harlan and Mattie Reynolds, both of Washington.

The Century Drawing Room on last week was the scene of the most charming recitals of the season, given by Miss Ida Burrell and Mrs. Ella Chestnut, both well known to the Philadelphia public as true artists. One of the main features of the evening was the renditions of several selections by Mr. Harry Barleigh of New York. They all deserve credit for the masterly selections rendered on that evening.

The George H. White Land and Improvement Co.

The advertisement of this company appears in another part of this issue of The Colored American. Hon. George H. White, the last colored member of Congress is the secretary and general manager of it. More than six hundred acres of land have been purchased by this company in a location in New Jersey, which possesses many advantages for colored people who are desirous of owning homes and at the same time get into a community where the schools are of the very best and mixed, where the sentiment is liberal, where there is no race prejudice and where there are hundreds of opportunities for employment for those who desire to work. Mr. White needs no introduction

tion to the readers of The Colored American. He is a man of means, a man of sobriety, of honesty and best of all with the reputation of succeeding in whatever he undertakes. This land has been bought outright and a clear title to the property is in possession of Mr. White. It is a splendid opportunity for people who desire homes. It is even better for those who have a little capital to invest and who want to go in business on a small scale.

For further information address Hon. George H. White, 609 F St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

AGENTS WANTED

To sell "Harriet Tubman, The Heroine in Ebony," by Robert W. Taylor. Financial Secretary of Tuskegee Institute with an introduction by Booker T. Washington. Harriet Tubman was the famous spy, scout and hospital nurse for the Union Army in the Civil War. A liberal commission allowed all agents. Address Robert W. Taylor, 7 Grenville Place, Boston, Mass. Price 25 Cents.

The Colored American says: "It is a very unique and most valuable Pamphlet and is worth fifty times the selling price. Every Afro-American of race pride and every patriotic American should buy one."

A LUSTY YOUNGSTER.

Mr. Robert Dyson, the popular headwaiter at the Baltimore and Potomac Dining Parlors never tires of speaking of his little son, Amos C. Dyson, who was born in Virginia last June. Young Amos is a bright little fellow and weighed twelve pounds at his birth. Mr. Dyson is the father of two charming daughters, whose pictures he constantly wears in the shape of a button. Arrangements have already been made for young Amos to take a position on The Colored American as a reporter and editorial writer as soon as he is ready to accept the position.

MEMORIAL MEETING.

A memorial meeting in honor of President McKinley was held at M St. High School, Wednesday, November 20 1901, at 9:15, A. M. The program was as follows: 1. Chorus, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," School; 2. Remarks, Principal; 3. Solo, "Sometime we will Understand," Miss Nettie Murray, Class of 1903; 4. Address, "Life and Character of William McKinley," Rev. Isaac L. Thomas; 5. Chorus, "Lead, Kindly Light," School. Music under direction of Mr. Walter B. Hayson.

Rev. I. L. Thomas made a very able address which was well received and heartily applauded.

Mr. T. Thomas Fortune of the New York Age, who was enthusiastically welcomed by the pupils, made a very interesting and instructive talk.

Editor Crosby in Town.

Mr. E. W. Crosby, telegraph editor of the Buffalo Times, one of the largest and most widely circulated dailies in northern New York, spent a few days in the city this week the guest of Mr. Wyatt Archer and Judge Robert H. Terrell. He has been connected with The Buffalo Times for twenty years and is one of the few colored men in the country holding such a position on a white daily newspaper. He spent a few pleasant hours with the editor of The Colored American inspecting the office and seeing the sights of the Nation's Capital.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 18 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1 000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 88
Due from National Banks	48,383 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00

Total 391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposits	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74

Total 391,120 84

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepit of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 house with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

For any further information, address

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W. P. BURRELL, G. W. Secretary.